

New items and information

St Mary and St Michael's Catholic Church GARSTANG AND CALDER VALE

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DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Remembrance Day



Every diocese in the Catholic world holds a feast day on the anniversary of when their diocesan cathedral was dedicated. Our Cathedral of St Peter in Lancaster was dedicated on 4th October, so this is a feast day in our diocese.

This Sunday is the anniversary of the dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome. This church is the Cathedral of the Bishop of Rome; it is the Pope's own church where he is

the parish priest. Many people think of St Peter's in the Vatican as the Pope's church – but that is not the case.

On this feast day the Pope traditionally comes to his own Diocesan Cathedral to celebrate Mass. Because the Lateran Basilica is the Pope's parish church, it is the principal church for all Catholics; this church is the spiritual home of the people who are the Church, just as St Peter's Cathedral is the spiritual home for all Catholics in the Lancaster Diocese.

Today we celebrate the Church, gathered around Jesus Christ and his vicar on earth, at the altar, celebrating Mass in the Lateran Basilica.

The actual basilica has been on the same site in Rome since the fourth century. The present imposing, but not very beautiful, building was commissioned by Pope Innocent X in 1646.

Our geographic distance from the Church's mother church speaks loudly that the real Church is not the buildings. Our parish church has a special place in our lives; it is where many of us were baptised, confirmed, made our First Communion, were married – and many of us will have our funeral here. It is a place where we celebrate life and death, and where we quietly pray.

Yet the Church which Jesus founded on Peter, the Rock, the Body of Christ, is the people, the living stones, which make up the real Church. On this feast day, perhaps we can become more aware how each of us is Church, around the Lord, bringing the Lord's love to a weary and unloved world.

Benediction and Holy Hour is being held in church at 3 pm this Sunday, 9th November.

Next Sunday is a Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their dependents. Prisoners week is from 16th – 23rd November. We will be holding the collection for PACT for Prisoners' Sunday which would otherwise have been on 12th October, but which was postponed to coincide with next weekend.

Journey in Faith (RCIA) 2014 – 2015 – The new Journey in Faith programme started with a Core Group preparation meeting last week. Any enquirers are invited to join us for our first meeting together next **Thursday, 13th November at 7.15 pm.** We are here to welcome anyone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic and who wants to find out more about the Catholic faith.

Vocations Discernment Weekend – Are you male, aged 15+? Is God calling you? Come and see at the vocations discernment weekend 14th – 16th November 2014 at Our Lady & St Joseph's, Carlisle. See the poster at back of church for more details or contact Fr Darren on 01772 719604, priest@lancastervocation.org or Fr John on 01228 521509 jwmillar1@gmail.com.

FOUND IN CAR PARK – Nissan car key fob. If you have lost yours, ask at the Presbytery.

Did you know... CAFOD's Ebola Crisis Appeal has raised more than £250,000? With your support, our local Church partners can do crucial work to stop the spread of Ebola by educating people about the risks, providing essential hygiene kits and ensuring that burials are carried out safely and with dignity. 56p provides a bar of soap and £16 a life-saving hygiene kit for a family of eight. Our partners are also delivering food to quarantined areas and to villages where people haven't been able to farm. Infection rates are continuing to grow, which is why it's vital that we act now.

The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for November (1) – That all who suffer loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others.

North West Children's Support Group – We would like to thank everyone who came to the recent Pop up Vintage Tearoom raising money for the North West Children's Support Group. We were delighted with the support we received and we made a fantastic total of £427.08. If you couldn't make it, look out for the next one in Spring. If you came during the busy period and had to wait, we appreciated your patience...we will have more "staff" next time! Brendan McCann completed the NWCSG £100 challenge by doing all the washing up without breaking a single tea cup!! Please visit www.nwcsq.co.uk to see how the money will be spent.

St Peter's Cathedral, Lancaster, Book of Remembrance – A Book of Remembrance is being compiled of those who died in World Wars 1 & 2. If any members of your family lived in the Cathedral parish in those times who were numbered among the fallen and you would be willing to share information or memories, please contact Jane Latin on 01524 412987. It is also hoped that a permanent wall memorial will be put up to commemorate these men; if you would be willing to make a donation towards this, please express your interest.

CAFOD – We have received a letter of thanks from CAFOD for the £435.50 raised through the Harvest Fast Day envelopes. The letter will be displayed at the back of church.

Previously Published Items

Month of the Holy Souls – During November, our Book of the Names of the Dead is placed before the Altar and those whose names you have written in the Book will be remembered at every Mass offered in our church.

Ladies' Ecumenical Meeting, Garstang Methodist Church – An invitation has been issued by Mrs Kelsall of Garstang Methodist Church to the ladies at SSMM, for Wednesday, 12th November at 2.00 pm, to join in the Ladies Ecumenical Meeting. The Speaker will be Mrs Elaine Ringland, and the service will be followed by tea and cakes in Wesleys.

Women Together in the Diocese of Lancaster – All Ladies from our parish are invited to the Annual Day of Prayer and Reflection for Advent, which will be held at The Little Sisters of the Poor, Jeanne Jugan Residence, Garstang Road, Preston, on Saturday 22nd November 2014, from 10.30 am – 3.30 pm. For further information, contact Sue Gornall on 01772 715495 or email Suegoegornall@aol.com. See poster at back of church, and there are also some booking forms at the back of church.

CAFOD Lancaster Mass of Remembrance – will be held at 11 am on Saturday 22nd November, 2014 at St Anne's Catholic Church, Westby Mills, Westby, PR4 3PL. If you would like loved ones remembered at the Mass, there are forms at the back of church to fill in and post.

Advent Preparation – The Liturgy & Spirituality Group have invited Fr Joe Smith (retired priest of the Leeds Diocese and a retreat giver) to lead a morning of Advent preparation on Saturday, 29th November. Places will be limited to 25. If you are interested, please contact Jean Andrews (603802) or Frank Miller (604030). More details later.

Wednesday Word – To help us prepare for Mass on 16th November, the new copy of the Wednesday Word can be found at the back of church, on yellow paper.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at about this time: Annie Rawlinson, Terry McCann, Josephine Monica Seton, Joseph Smith, Elizabeth Minnie Fitzpatrick, Johnson Cook, Jim Costello, Margaret Ward, William Helme, Margaret Dilworth, John Cookson, George Gidlow and Barbara Berry. *May they rest in peace.*

We ask the Lord to encourage and give health to our sick and disabled parishioners, families and friends, including: Rosemary Davies, Brian Hargreaves, Ellen, Brendan McGlone (14 year old with leukaemia), Anne Brockbank, Teresa Bonnar (Bowerswood), Rachael Flood (née Mears), Michael McCarthy (living in France), Dorothy Evans, Sheila Carrol, Lucy and Family, Kathryn, Susanne, Jessica Holmes, Molly and family, Ruth Fairey, Mark Noblet, Christopher Lawson, Anthonio Dilao, Bernadette O'Neill, Tom Horn, John Ashcroft, Margaret Shepherd, Tony Moran, Marjorie Addison, Sharon Hodgson, Christine, Peter Holland, Ian Moran, Tony Winstanley, Wilf Rainford, Alyson, Michael Hendry, Christopher Simpson, Auntie Sophie, Christopher Brown, Simon Thompson, Michael Ryan, Sheila Cookson, Francisca Rainford, Alison Green and Tim Park. ***(When people whose names are placed on this sick list have recovered their health, please let us know.)***

Response to the psalm at 10.30 am Mass:

Mass Times & Intentions, Saturday 8th – Sunday 16th November 2014

Sat	8 th	6.30 pm (Vigil)	Pauline Moran
Sun	9 th	8.30 am	Tony Crangle
		10.30 am	Deceased Members of the Bolton and Fisher Families
Mon	10 th	No Mass	
Tues	11 th	7.00 pm	Private Intention
Wed	12 th	7.00 pm	Gerald Whittaker
Thurs	13 th	9.30 am	Bernard Rigby
Fri	14 th	9.30 am	Wendy Thompson
Sat	15 th	9.30 am	All Our Parishioners
		6.30 pm (Vigil)	Ignatius and Agnes Bullen
Sun	16 th	8.30 am	William and Anne Swarbrick
		10.30 am	Peter Cole (Anniversary)

Devotions and Celebrations this week:

Sun	9 th	3.00 pm	Benediction & Holy Hour
Wed	12 th	6.45 pm	Rosary
Fri	14 th	10 – 10.30 am	Exposition
Sat	15 th	10 – 10.30 am	Confessions

Special Days this Week:

Sun	9 th	DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA Remembrance Day
Mon	10 th	St Leo the Great
Tues	11 th	St Martin of Tours
Wed	12 th	St Josaphat

Meetings this Week:

Tues	11 th	4.00 pm	Liturgy & Spirituality Group
Wed	12 th	7.30 pm	Choir Practice
Thurs	13 th	7.15 pm	Journey in Faith with Enquirers

Last Week's Attendance:

Sat	1 st	6.30 pm (Vigil)	Adults: 89	Children : 9
Sun	2 nd	8.30 am	Adults: 69	Children: 4
		10.30 am	Adults: 94	Children: 26
				Total: 291

Monies Received: Offertory: £1,100.38; Votive Lights: £62.50; Shop: £117; Donation: £25; Funerals: £340; CAFOD: £200. ***Many thanks to you all.***

Churches Together in Garstang & District

Ecumenical Morning Prayer will be held at 07.45 am each Tuesday in November at Garstang United Reformed Church. Shopper's Service (Pause for Thought) is at 12.15 pm every Thursday, at Garstang Methodist Church.